Interference of the Headmaster, Kottar English High School, in the Nagercoil Municipal Elections.

6. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they received any petition or message of complaint regarding the participation of Mr. Anantakrishna Aiyar, Headmaster of the Kottar High School, in the ward election as well as in the election of the Chairman of the Nagercoil Municipality ?

(*b*) Were similar complaints made against him by Dr. N. A. Sundaram Pillai, a candidate at the last election of the Legislative Council ?

(*c*) Was any enquiry made in respect of the complaints referred to in parts (*a*) and (*b*)?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that one of the grounds in the election petition questioning the validity of the Chairman's election preferred by four members of the Council was the interference of this Headmaster, Mr. Anantakrishna Aiyar ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) A telegram was received by the Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The telegram referred to in part (*a*) was forwarded to the Dewan Peishkar for necessary action.

(*d*) No.

Nomination of Members to the Nagercoil Municipal Council.

7. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) on what principle the present four nominations were made to the Nagercoil Municipal Council ;

(ii) whether any recommendation was made by Mr. A. Nayanar, the Chairman, to those four seats, and if so, the names of those persons with their respective claims ;

(iii) whether any recommendation was made by the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum Division, and the Tahsildar of Agastisvaram taluk, and if so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the latter ; and

(iv) whether the Government required the Chairman to submit such recommendation or he himself volunteered it ?

(*b*) Were two of the four members nominated at present already nominated members of the old council and the other two members of the panel of the local Panchayat Court Judges and Bench Magistrates ?

(*c*) Was there any petition or memorial from their respective communities suggesting other persons ?

(*d*) What was the reason, if any, for refusing to appoint them and nominating a second time two members of the old council ?

(*e*) Are they aware that one of the two members nominated a second time is over sixty years of age ?

(*f*) Did the Government receive representations by means of petitions or resolutions passed at several public meetings of the citizens

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of Nagercoil and of memorials to Her. Gracious Highness the Maha Rani Regent protesting against the continuance of the incoming Chairman, Mr. A. Nayanar, who was entrusted with the conduct of the municipal election and who had also announced his intention again to contest the Chairman's seat ?

(*g*) Was there any enquiry into the representations referred to in part (*f*), and if so, what was the result ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) The Government acted on the principle of affording representation to important minor communities unrepresented by the elections as also of encouraging continuity of policy by the retention of a sufficient number of old members.

(ii) Yes. Mr. Nayanar recommended Mr. A. Muthu Joytsier, landlord, Meenakshipuram, and Mr. K. Perumal Panikkar, Merchant Kottar. Both of them were members of the old council and belonged to minorities unrepresented by the elections. The first is a Kammala and the second an Ezhava by caste. Mr. Muthu Jyotsier is also reported to be doing good work in municipal affairs.

(iii) Yes. Copy* of the Tahsildar's report is laid on the table.

(iv) Government did not call upon the President to make any recommendation.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*a*) (i) and (ii).

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The enquiry is *sub judice*.

Redistribution of Wards in the Nagercoil Municipality.

8. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the increase in the number of wards of the Nagercoil Municipality from thirteen to fifteen, and the reason thereof and whether there was any resolution of the Municipal Council to that effect ?

(*b*) (i) Was there any sub-committee of the council to suggest a draft distribution of the fifteen wards ?

(ii) If so, who were the members of that committee ?

(iii) Was it not Mr. Anantakrishna Aiyar, the official nominated member, who introduced the draft distribution in the said sub-committee ?

(iv) On what principle was the redistribution based ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to give, in a tabular form, the number of elected members as also that of nominated members in the old council and in the present council, according to communities with their respective population, number of houses and voters ?

(*d*) Did the Government take into consideration, while making the nominations, the failure to get elected seats as a result of the redistribution of wards, of those communities who had their elected representatives in the last council ?

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* *Vide* Appendix III—page 20.

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Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No 7.**

Copy of letter No. 3491, dated 20-4-1101, from the Tahsildar of Agastisvaram to the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum.

With reference to your order No. R. O. C. 231/141 Mis., dated the 17th Vrischikam 1101, I have the honour to subjoin a caste-war list of 12 persons qualified for nomination to represent the unrepresented minorities in the Municipal Council, Nagercoil, in the place of the four nominated Councillors whose term of office has expired.

No.	Name.	Community.	Address.
1	P. C. Aiyah	Sambavar	Teacher, Scott Christian High School, Nagercoil.
2	V. John	Do.	Kalangadi Cheri, Vadasseri.
3	S. Karuthudayan	Do.	Do.
4	Bhootalingam Panicker	Ezhava	Ezhava Street, Kottar.
5	R. Kamalingam Panicker	Do.	Do.
6	G. Visvanatha Asari	Visvakarma Kammala	Kammala Street, Kottar.
7	S. M. Fernando	Chavalakara (Bharata)	Chavalakara Street, Kottar.
8	Muthu Thiraviam	Do.	St. Xavier's Street, Kottar
9	P. Shanmuga Vaidyan *alias* Appu Vaidyan	Maruthua	Pranopakari Street, Vadivisvaram.
10	S. Sankarakumar, B. A., B. L.	Ilavania	Vakil, Nagercoil.
11	J. Jivaratnam, B. A., B. L.	Roman Catholic	Do.
12	N. Tiruvambalam Pillai	Nanjinad Marumakkavazhi Vellala	Retired Asst. Engineer, Nagercoil

2. The enclosures to your letter are herewith returned.

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